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A Station Signing as Radio Liberacion at 1303 6/25 Broadcast the Following Message:

(Summary) Listen, Army of Guatemala, the government has violated the rights of the people constantly. It is serving a foreign ideology. Very soon the victorious Army of Liberation will descend on the National Palace. Our troops have emerged victorious.

Unfortunately, the Army is aiding the Communists in the capital. We are going to bomb objectives in the capital city.

National Army, we shall throw off the tyranny of 14 years. We must fight a war without quarter against all who collaborate with the regime.

Inhabitants of the capital, we shall bomb--you must stay in your homes.

For God and for Freedom! Tell all the people of Guatemala we shall repeat the message. This is Radio Liberacion.

(Ed. Note: Radio Liberacion had previously signed off at 0532 6/25 with the announcement that it would not return until 1900 6/25.

See item 12.

Ciudad Trujillo in Spanish to the Dominican Republic 1209 6/25

(Text) San Salvador--Foreign Minister Roberto Canessa has replied to the Guatemalan note regarding the Guatemalan Government's complaint to the United Nations that it was the victim of invasion and aggression. The reply stated:

"Regarding the note which your Excellency has just sent to the UN

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Security Council, reference is made to the previous complaint of the Guatemalan Government to the same council. I wish to repeat that my Government at that time rejected the charges unjustifiably made in the complaint and continues to maintain its traditional policy of nonintervention and respect of inter-American decisions concerning the security of the continent."

Moscow TASS in English Hellschreiber to Europe 2114 6/24

The Appeal to the United Nations on the events in Guatemala:

The International Conference for the Reduction of World Tension held in Stockholm June 19-23, 1954, perturbed by the invasion of Guatemala and the bombing of her capital, condemns any assistance offered to the aggressors by any nation whatsoever, and resolutely urges the UN Security Council to take all steps to end the hostilities and to compel the invading troops to clear out and to re-establish the state of peace that hitherto has prevailed.

The International Conference on the Reduction of World Tension calls upon the peoples of all nations to support this appeal to the Security Council.

Developments from 0001 to 0500 EDT

Guatemala: Radio Liberacion--"We shall be in Guatemala City in a few more days" (6) Official Guatemalan radio reports invaders "fleeing" (11) Conflict has taken on character of "guerrilla warfare," Buenos Aires Press Service reports (17)

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Buenos Aires APA Spanish Morse to Authorized Recipients 0333 6/25

(Summary) It was learned on June 24 that the Argentine Foreign Ministry will give its most decided support to the decisions which the Inter-American Peace Commission may adopt in its efforts to effect a conciliation in the conflict in Guatemala.

Argentina has always considered that it is up to the Inter-American Peace Commission to take action in the conflict. The plans of the Inter-American Peace Commission are considered to have an auspicious beginning, since besides the Argentine support, it is believed that the parties directly concerned will welcome the Commission's efforts.

Guatemala City (Official) Guatemalan Home Service 0400 6/25

(Text) San Juan, Puerto Rico--His Excellency Sr. Jacobo Arbenz, President of Guatemala: This is to express the solidarity of the Independence Party of Puerto Ricans with the Guatemalan cause. We repudiate invasion at the service of imperialism. My words of adherence and solidarity express the feelings of the Puerto Rican masses. We identify ourselves entirely with your people in their sorrow, their struggle, and (one word unintelligible--ed). Signed, Gilberto Concepcion de Grecia, President. June 23, 1954.

Guatemala City (Official) Home Service 0805 6/25

(Text)...A telegram that shows the nature of these traitors. In the telegram Franco states that he will not forget Jorge Ubico, who was the first to recognise him. And now Franco has been the first to

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recognize the Castillo Armas "administration."

Austrian Press Review 6/25

The independent "Linz Oberosterreichische Nachrichten" declares in a June 24 editorial that the US-initiated economic boycott of Guatemala has "driven the Arbenz Government to the left." After giving some credit to the Arbenz Government for trying to raise the living standard of the people, the paper concludes that the solidarity of the American continent has received a crack because of a few banana fields. The question arises as to whether American prestige in the world will not lose more ground than ever be conquered by the rebels in Guatemala, the paper concludes.

Writing in the socialist "Arbeiter Zeitung" of June 25 Chief Editor, Oscar Pollak, says that the current "rebellion" in Guatemala is "undoubtedly not only supported by Honduras by also by the United States." But Pollak adds that if it were really an American intervention as claimed by the Communists, the invading emigrant forces "would not be such a pitiable, poorly equipped handful of men facing possible defeat." The paper adds that in the view of the frequent Latin American revolts, it may be said that foreign support given to the "Guatemalan rebels" does "not exceed customary proportions." America's attitude toward Guatemala, although it may be justified, will at any rate lead to an increase in anti-American sentiment throughout the world, the paper concludes.

The independent "Die Presse" says editorially that it is understandable that the United States seeks to prevent any hostile underground activities in the strategically important parts of Central America.

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The paper states that economic progress in Central America was made possible only by such American trusts as the United Fruit Company, which is the "economic backbone and the actual power" in Guatemala.

Buenos Aires APA in Spanish Morse to authorized Recipients 0237 6/25

(Summary) Tegucigalpa--The Guatemalan conflict has begun to take on the nature of "guerrilla warfare" as a result of the invading insurgents' reluctance to wage a full-scale battle with the forces loyal to President Arbenz.

The rebels' tactics were in evidence again on June 24 when the Government troops arrived at various points dominated by the insurgents who immediately withdrew to avoid decisive action with Government forces, a withdrawal which was followed by reappearance from a new angle of attack on the abandoned center.

This modus operandi has become evident despite the radio communiques issued by both belligerents, communiques which tell of more military action than has actually taken place.

Guatemala City (Official) Home Service 0351 5/25

Having been thoroughly defeated on all battlefields where the Guatemalan Army forced them to fight on equal terms, the traitors are trying to check the victorious offensive of the Guatemalan troops by terrorizing the citizenry by savage bombings and strafing defenseless cities. For the first time in the history of America, and perhaps of the world, war planes, piloted by men of the same nationality as their

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innocent victims, bomb civilians of their own homeland, and worse still they are aided in their criminal job by foreign mercenary fliers hired by them. The free peoples of the American Hemisphere look on horrified at the criminal acts of the invaders, and with one voice condemn this crime and demand prompt, effective punishment of the responsible men.

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